

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MONROV 00378 171745Z
ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 ONY-00 /011 W
-----032503 171914Z /44
P 171630Z JAN 78
FM AMEMBASSY MONROVIA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7770

C O N F I D E N T I A L MONROVIA 0378

FOR AF ONLY

E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: MASS, LI
SUBJECT: MINIMUM RECOMMENDED FMS PROGRAM

REF: MONROVIA 8876; AMBASSADOR CARTER/LANNON WALKER/
HOUDEK TALKS

1. NOT CERTAIN THIS MESSAGE REPRESENTS WHAT AF HAD IN
MIND, BUT IT IS OUR BEST THINKING ON "BARE-BNES" FMS
REQUEST FROM HERE. WE HAVE NOT REPEATED JUSTIFICATIONS
CONTINUED IN REFTEL BUT WOULD WELCOME ANY ADDITIONAL
THOUGHTS AF READERS MIGHT NOW HAVE.

2. THE MINIMUM RECOMMENDED FMS PROGRAM FOR FY 79 IS
\$1.2 MILLION. THIS AMOUNT WILL MERELY PERMIT CONTINUATION
OF THE BASIC FORCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. ACQUISITION
HAS BEEN NEGLECTED BY THE AFL TO THE POINT WHERE ITS
CAPABILITIES HAVE DETERIORATED SERIOUSLY. WHAT IS
ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED NOW IS REPLACEMENT OF NON-OPERATIONAL
AND NON-SUPPORTABLE OBSOLETE ITEMS (E.G. CABILRE
MACHINE GUN 1917; AUTOMATIC RIFLE 1917; AND RADIO
AN/PRC-10 1962). THE LEVEL OF SOPHISTICATION REMAINS
LOW. AN ACQUISITION PROGRAM LESS THAN THE \$1.2 MILLION
LEVEL WOULD MEAN THAT AFL CAPABILITIES WOULD CONTINUE
TO DETERIORATE INSTEAD OF IN SOME AREAS BEING BROUGHT UP
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MONROV 00378 171745Z

TO OPERATIONAL LEVEL.

3. THE MINIMUM REQUEST REPRESENTS A
\$846,563 PROCUREMENT OF WESPONS, AMMUNITION,
COMMUNICATIONS ASSETS, VEHICLES, AND ANCILLARY EQUIP-
MENT TO ACCOUTER ONE LIGHT INFANTRY BATTALION AND
PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE THE LIBERIAN NATIONAL

GUARD BATTALION AND THE LOGISTICAL COMMAND. THE
ADDITIONAL COST GOING UP TO \$1.2 MILLION ACCOMODATES
INFLATION, SPARE PARTS AND SHIPPING COSTS. FULLY
DETAILED LIST IS, OF COURSE, AVAILABLE.

4. WE BELIEVE THE AFL COULD ABSORB EASILY THIS
\$1.2 MILLION FIGURE FOR FY 1979. WE PREDICT ALSO THAT
IT WOULD REQUIRE, AND COULD ABSORB, APPROXIMATELY
\$3.0 MILLION MORE IN THE FOLLOWING TWO FISCAL YEARS IN
ORDER TO COMPLETE THE REASONABLE (AND BASIC) FORCE
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IT HAS PLANNED. THIS REFERS SOLELY
TO GROUND FORCES. THE GOL ALSO WISHES TO MAKE IMPOOVE-
MENT IN ITS COAST GUARD CAPABILITIES, ENTAILING A
LIMITED SHIP AND AVIATION PROCUREMENT PROGRAM PROBABLY
COSTING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$1.25 MILLION OVER THREE
YEARS. AN FMS LOAN REQUEST FOR THESE ITEMS IS LIKELY.
CARTER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 17 jan 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978MONROV00378
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780025-0183
Format: TEL
From: MONROVIA
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780156/aaaabuoq.tel
Line Count: 79
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: cdcecf2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: ONLY
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: ONLY
Reference: 77 MONROVIA 8876
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 25 apr 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3763296
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MINIMUM RECOMMENDED FMS PROGRAM
TAGS: MASS, LI
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/cdcecf2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014